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Democrats Of Carolina Stand Firm For Wilson

Party Reiterates Faith in Nation's Chief—County Canss, Not Abolished—Resolution Indorses State Warehouse System—Suffrage Problem Left With People.

The State.
Day in Convention.
Convened at noon.
Thomas P. Cothran of Greenville elected permanent chairman.
Delegates at large: Richard I. Manning, B. R. Tillman, E. D. Smith, John Gary Evans, W. P. Pollock, John G. Clinkscales, L. D. Jennings and T. T. Hyde, each to have one-half vote in the national convention.
B. R. Tillman reelected national committeeman.
John Gary Evans reelected chairman of the State executive committee.
Administration of Woodrow Wilson indorsed.
Adjourned at 1:40 o'clock this morning.

The State Democratic convention meeting in Columbia yesterday afternoon and last night adopted a progressive platform, indorsed the administration of President Wilson, refused to abolish the county-to-county political campaign, received petitions from the State Equal Suffrage league, declined to allow John L. McLaurin to enter the primary as warehouse commissioner to defend the system and discussed many problems of importance to the party.

"Big Eight."
Eight delegates at large to the national Democratic convention at St. Louis with one-half vote each were elected by the State convention as follows:

Gov. Richard I. Manning, United States Senators B. R. Tillman and E. D. Smith, John Gary Evans, L. D. Jennings, W. P. Pollock, John G. Clinkscales and T. T. Hyde.

It was decided also not to elect alternates to the delegates at large but that the delegation as a whole select the alternates from the 15 district alternates. The State delegation was instructed to vote as a unit on all questions.

John H. Clifton moved that the convention elect eight delegates at large with one-half vote each instead of four delegates at large. The motion was carried.

David R. Coker nominated Gov. Richard I. Manning, which was followed by applause. Others nominated were: B. R. Tillman, T. T. Hyde, Charles Carroll Simms, John G. Clinkscales, E. D. Smith, T. C. Duncan, John G. Richards, John Gary Evans, L. D. Jennings, W. P. Pollock.
On motion of Mr. Blakeney the nominations were closed.

Vote for Delegates.
The number of votes each nominee received follows:
Manning, 310; Tillman, 274; Smith, 277; Evans, 273; Clinkscales, 284; Hyde, 276; Pollock, 252; Jennings, 254; Simms, 61; Richards, 62; Duncan, 55. The first eight named were declared elected.

The convention adjourned sine die at 1:40 o'clock.

The delegates at large and the district delegates will be sent to the national convention at St. Louis instructed to vote for the renomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

The convention was marked by many contests and much debate.

Woman Suffrage.
The convention at an early hour this morning recommended to the legislature for its earnest consideration the question of equal suffrage for women and requested that the matter be submitted to the people by proper act or resolution for their decision. The delegates were not instructed to vote for a plank in the national platform as requested by the committee of women. This action, however, was considered as a great victory for the "cause."

Indorses Preparedness.
Woodrow Wilson was indorsed and recommended for renomination to

the office of president, and Thomas R. Marshall for vice president. The president's foreign and domestic policy was warmly commended. The convention favored an army and navy sufficiently large to guarantee the protection of the country against foreign aggression. The tariff law and the banking system were also indorsed.

The officers responsible for the improvement in law and order were commended in general. A number of acts passed in the last two years were commended and the Democratic party pledged itself to a "further programme of safe and sane labor legislation."

Thomas P. Cothran of Greenville was elected permanent president without opposition, after having been chosen temporary president by a vote of 262 to 73.

Withdrew Resolution.
The movement by the Greenwood and Darlington delegations to abolish the county-to-county campaign met defeat in the committee on rules, before which the matter was presented. Seeing the uselessness of bringing up the matter before the convention, the delegations decided to let the issue die.

The resolution follows:
"Resolved by the Democracy of South Carolina in convention assembled, That section 28 of the rules of the Democratic party of South Carolina adopted by the State convention held May 20-21, 1914, and providing for county-to-county campaign meetings, be and hereby is repealed."

Delegates Gather.
Handshaking and whispered nothings featured the half hour preceding the convention as the delegates began filing in the hall of the house of representatives in search of their seats. The galleries were filled up slowly by a number of visitors.

There were many familiar faces among the delegates, some of whom have been representatives of their counties for 10 to 20 years. Many members of the general assembly were on hand, men familiar with the procedure in political bodies. County delegations held hurried meetings to select a member of the credentials committee.

Promptly at noon the convention was called to order by John Gary Evans of Spartanburg, retiring State chairman. The Rev. William Way of Charleston pronounced the invocation.

Cothran Nominated.
John J. McSwain of the Greenville delegation placed the name of Thomas P. Cothran of Greenville in nomination for temporary president of the convention. D. S. Henderson of Aiken, James A. Hoyt of Columbia and Senator O'Dell seconded the nomination of Mr. Cothran.

Outlining the need of a change in the administration of political meetings, Fred H. Dominick nominated A. J. A. Perritt of Darlington county.

Chairman Evans appointed Mr. Hoyt to assist him in the election of the temporary chairman of the convention.

Mr. Cothran was declared temporary president, elected by a vote of 262 to 73. He was escorted to the chair by Messrs. Dominick and McSwain.

John P. Thomas of Columbia nominated J. Wilson Gibbs as temporary secretary; an Anderson delegate nominated John K. Aull. Senator Nicholson nominated A. E. Hutchinson of Rock Hill. Balloting was done by counties as in the election of the temporary president.

Vote for Perritt.
Mr. Perritt of Darlington county, nominated by Mr. Dominick, received his support as follows: Aiken 1, Anderson 13, Barnwell 1, Berkeley 3, Calhoun 4, Chester 3, Clarendon 6,

Darlington 1, Dorchester 1, Georgetown 3, Horry 1, Laurens 4, Lee 6, Lexington 1, McCormick 2, Newberry 8, Marlboro 1, Richland 2, Union 6, York 1. In all the counties not mentioned Mr. Cothran received the unanimous support. The vote cast was 335 out of a possible 338.

Temporary Secretary.
The vote for temporary secretary was as follows: Aull, 134; Gibbs, 304; Hutchinson, 225. Messrs. Gibbs and Hutchinson were declared elected temporary secretaries.

Mr. Mixson of Barnwell argued that the chair should appoint a committee on credentials to pass on the admission of delegates. Mr. Henderson of Aiken moved to amend the motion by having the contesting Beaufort delegations appear before the convention to decide the matter. Mr. Pollock of Cheraw moved that each contesting delegation be seated with one-half vote.

Mr. Beckett of Beaufort in replying to Mr. Pollock said that he would prefer to have the matter settled in the regular order, or by the committee on credentials.

Later, on a substitute motion by Mr. McSwain, the delegations from the counties in which there are no contests were accepted as permanent. Each delegation then elected a member of the credentials committee to hear the Beaufort contest.

Credentials Committee.
J. B. Derrick served on the credentials committee from Newberry.

The convention recessed at 1:22 o'clock until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Suffrage Petitions.
On reconvening at 4 o'clock 15 minutes were given the suffragists to present their resolution on motion by John Gary Evans, seconded by David R. Coker. Messrs. Evans, Coker and D. S. Henderson escorted the committee to the speaker's stand. The committee consisted of Miss Mary A. Brennen, Mrs. H. V. Murdaugh, Mrs. Henry Martin and Mrs. Harriett Powe Lynch.

A short speech was made by Mrs. Lynch in support of the resolution to be submitted to the committee by the suffrage leaders. The women desire the delegates to the national convention to vote for a suffrage plank in the national platform, and not for a federal amendment; they also ask for an indorsement of the "cause" by the State convention. The delegates applauded generously.

On motion of Mr. Mixson of Barnwell the chair appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Mixson, Mr.

McSwain and Mr. Breeland, to wait on the credentials committee, which was considering the Beaufort contest. The committee submitted its report at 4:35 o'clock.

Beaufort Contest.
The Christensen delegation was seated in the convention after accepting the majority report of the committee signed by 33 members. The minority report of nine members favored the seating of the Talbird faction. Mr. McSwain moved to adopt the majority report.

Mr. Dominick asked that the roll be called by counties. This brought forth considerable discussion on the formation of the body; it was argued that only a majority can rule in the conduct of the convention's business. Mr. McSwain argued that only the convention can make its rules. Messrs. Hoyt, W. W. Dixon and D. S. Henderson spoke in favor of a record vote by counties.

Mr. Blakeney of Kershaw resented a supposed aspersion on certain delegates for failing to have their votes recorded.

J. E. McDonald of Fairfield moved that the convention vote on counties on the adoption of the majority report. This course was decided upon unanimously.

The majority report was adopted by a vote of 265 to 59.

Body Organized.
At 5 o'clock on motion of Mr. McSwain the temporary organization was made permanent on a viva voce vote, only one objection being heard.

Mr. Cothran graciously accepted the honor conferred upon him.

Evans Elected.
Ex-Gov. M. F. Ansel nominated John Gary Evans of Spartanburg for State chairman. William A. Stuckey of Lee county, the Bleasie candidate, was nominated by Olin Sawyer of Georgetown. W. A. James of Lee county in seconding Mr. Stuckey's nomination asked why the places should not be changed from time to time. Senator Carlisle seconded Mr. Evans's nomination.
Out of 331 votes Mr. Evans got 257 and Mr. Stuckey 74.

Tillman Reelected.
Senator B. R. Tillman was nominated for the position of national executive committeeman by Senator Nicholson. Mr. Long of Union placed the name of Lowndes J. Browning in nomination.

Jones Is Treasurer.
Gen. Willie Jones was elected treasurer of the State Democratic party without opposition. The nomination

was made by Christie Benet and seconded by Mr. Dominick.

The following district vice presidents of the State convention were nominated, and subsequently elected by acclamation: First, E. J. Dennis of Berkeley county; Second, D. S. Henderson of Aiken; Fourth, J. H. Miller of Laurens; Fifth, J. L. Glenn of Chester; Sixth, David R. Coker of Hartsville; Seventh, A. H. Moss of Orangeburg. Nominations for the Third district were postponed on request of Mr. Dominick.

On motion of Mr. Henderson all resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions.

The convention took a second recess at 6:05 o'clock until 8:30 o'clock last night.

Tripp Named.
W. A. Tripp of Anderson was nominated and elected vice president from the Third congressional district of the State Democratic party.

Fred H. Dominick made a strong fight to have the convention proceed to ballot on the national delegates. It was pointed out that members of the committees on rules and on platform and resolutions were out of the hall. Mr. Blakeney of Kershaw took up the fight, replying frankly to Mr. Dominick. For a time, as each rose in explanation, it seemed as if some heated arguments would ensue, but on motion of Mr. Blakeney the resolution was tabled.

Delegates.
The convention proceeded to the election of delegates (and alternates) to the national convention from the congressional districts, with the following results:

First—Delegates, V. C. Badham of Badham and Philip H. Gadsden of Charleston; alternates, Huger Sinkler of Charleston and A. C. Bradham of Manning.

Second—Delegates, J. L. Walker of Johnston and T. W. Davies of Aiken; alternates, George W. Beckett of Beaufort and J. B. Black of Bamberg.

Third—Delegates, G. A. Neuffer of Abbeville and E. P. McCravy of Pickens; alternates, J. N. Pearman of Anderson and J. B. Derrick of Newberry.

Fourth—Delegates, David B. Traxler of Greenville and S. T. D. Lancaster of Spartanburg; alternates, Jason M. Greer of Union and J. C. Owings of Laurens.

Fifth—Delegates, John M. Hemphill of Chester and George K. Laney of Chesterfield; alternates, W. W. Dixon of Winnsboro and W. R. Bradford of Fort Mill.

Sixth—Delegates, Bright William-



PULL TOGETHER

Are we, as a community, pulling together? Or are we pulling in OPPOSITE directions? ORGANIZATION is the great community need of the day. WITHOUT organization men and women are apt to sink below the level of mules. EVEN mules, in time of danger or panic, have been known to CO-OPERATE. They sometimes KICK together. If it were given to mules to think, they would wonder at the ways of men. That men and women, living and working in the same community, should refuse to co-operate, is one of the riddles of civilization. The only benefits worth having are the benefits we can share with our NEIGHBORS. INDIVIDUAL benefits count for little. It is the CO-OPERATIVE effort that brings EVERLASTING good. Good roads, factories, better schools, good markets can only be secured when ALL pull together. Every man, woman and child in THIS community should give ONE hour each day to community WORK. But, don't WAIT for someone else to start it. There is work for YOU to do. Begin with YOURSELF.

OLD FOLKS DAY AT PROSPERITY NEXT SUNDAY

Prosperity, May 18.—Grace church for a number of years has honored "Old Folks" by setting aside one Sunday out of each year to be known as "Old Folks Day." Sunday May 21 will be "Old Folks Day," and this day is looked forward to with much pleasure. Gov. Manning will be the speaker for this occasion. Dinner will be served on the church lawn.

Mr. Robert Luther has returned to Atlanta after visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Luther.

Mrs. Eric Barnes of Saluda is the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. J. Kohn. Miss Essie Black of Saluda is spending a while with her brother, Mr. L. A. Black.

Miss Maud Livingston is visiting in Columbia.

Mrs. J. S. Wheeler and Joe B. Hartman were shoppers in Columbia on Tuesday.

The Literary Sorosis meets Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock with Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

Messrs. L. M. and W. J. Wise, C. R. Lake and Vernon Wheeler motored to Columbia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise will return home Saturday from Birmingham and Atlanta.

Music lovers will be given a treat Friday night when the pupils of Mrs. J. D. Quattlebaum will give their annual recital.

Central M. E. Church, South. (Rev. F. E. Dibble, pastor)

Services for Sunday, May the 21st, will be as follows:

Morning service 11 a. m.

Young People's Missionary society 3 p. m.

Sunday School 4 p. m.

Epworth League 7:45 p. m.

Evening service 8:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to worship in Central church.

"THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE" coming.

son of Darlington and A. C. Hines of Kingstree; alternates, J. H. Manning of Dillon and Malcolm Woods of Marion.

Seventh—Delegates, John P. Thomas of Columbia and Robert Lide of Orangeburg; alternates, J. H. Clifton of Sumter and S. J. Summers of Calhoun.

Committee on Rules.
Jno. K. Aull was appointed on the rules committee from Newberry.

Committee on Platform.
J. B. Derrick was a member of the committee on platform from Newberry.

New Enrollment.
Mr. Dominick moved that all the report from the committee on rules be adopted except the relating to the warehouse commissioner. The motion was carried.

The new rules require a new re-enrollment every election year. Most of the changes are made to comply with the statute of 1915 regulating the primary.

Provision was made that a committee on credentials be provided for and this committee hear and act upon any contest prior to the meeting of the convention. Each county is to elect a member of this committee at its county convention.

Upon the petition of 15 per cent. of the qualified voters in any town or city there shall be a municipal primary. Recall elections in such cities shall be first determined by a primary thereon under such rules as the municipal Democratic club shall provide. The petition is to be filed with the mayor or intendant, following which the club shall be organized. This rule does not apply to cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants.

Put in Primary.
Road commissioners were also put in the primary. A rule was made to provide for enrollment of men temporarily non-resident and were employed by the State or government only and who come back to the State to vote.

The Anderson delegation wanted a rule adopted allowing withdrawal from one club to another within 60 days before the primary. This was lost before the committee.